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This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 25, 2003, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on December 25, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed under the Saturday, Sunday, Holiday rule on Monday, December 29, 2003.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.



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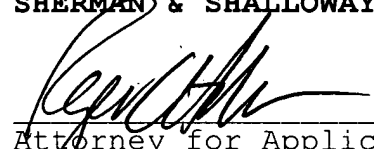
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